

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 24, line through page 25, line 24 through page 26, line 19 with the following.

The user starts from requesting a web resource in a SSO object name space located in policy director software 500 (step 900). When the request is received by the policy director software 500, the SSO ResCreds name and user's id associated with the requested web resource will be used by policy director software 500 to retrieve the user's id and password for signing onto the backend server.

Specifically, the uraf_get_rescreds interface will be issued to URAF adapter 506 (step 902). Adapter 506 will then locate the SSO ResCreds name under the requested user object, and return the ResCreds object back to policy director software 500 (step 904). Upon receiving the ResCreds object, policy director software 500 then extracts the user id and password stored in the ResCreds object, and forwards them to the backend server to perform authentication on behalf of the user (step 906). After successfully authenticating to the backend server, the user requested resource (e.g., a web resource) will be sent back from the server to policy director software 500, which in turn passes it back to the user and completes the single sign-on task for the user (step 908). If policy director software 500 receives another request ~~at step 906~~ (step 910), the process cycles to step 900. Otherwise, the process terminates.